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Motor Vehicle

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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WO 91/18385 was previously cited along with the Statement filed September 21, 2000, and therefore, is not submitted herewith.

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

The relevance of EP 0 469 023, DE 27 34 948, DE 44 35 296, DE 42 33 252 and DE 198 45 736 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy

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of a Search Report generated in counterpart European Application No. 00118474, citing such documents, together with an English-language version of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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